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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIALTY STEEL OMA

FOR AMBASSADOR YEUTTER AND R. HEIMLICH FROM WOLFF

REF TOKYO 14335

I AGREED WITH YOKOYAMA ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS TO
FOLLOWING TEXT, WITH APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. BEGIN TEXT:

I AM WRITING WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROBLEM WHICH
HAS ARISEN DUE TO THE COUNTING OF CERTAIN STEEL SUITABLE
FOR BEARINGS, IMPORTED FROM JAPAN, AS "ALLOY TOOL STEEL"
UNDER THE NOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 11, 1976.

IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE UNINTENDED INTERFERENCE WITH

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ENTRY OF THESE STEEL SHIPMENTS DURING THE PERIOD THAT AN

APPROPRIATE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS BEING DEVELOPED, I PROPOSE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 6(B) OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE NOTES, 100 PERCENT AS A MAXIMUM INCREASE RATE INSTEAD

OF 1 PERCENT SET FORTH IN ANNEX C THERETO WILL APPLY TO IMPORTS OF ALLOY TOOL STEEL DURING THE RESTRAINT PERIOD FROM JUNE 14, 1976 TO JUNE 13, 1977.

AFTER RECEIVING YOUR LETTER INDICATING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE PRO-

POSAL (AND AGREES TO THE STEPS PROPOSED ABOVE), AN APPROPRIATE NOTICE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER AND NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MADE EFFECTIVE ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE DATE OF PUBLICATION. END TEXT.

TEXT OF RESPONSE

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1976, WITH RESPECT TO THE NOTES EXCHANGED ON JUNE 11, 1976 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONCERNING TRADE IN CERTAIN ARTICLES OF STAINLESS STEEL OR ALLOY TOOL STEEL.

I HEREBY INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS NO OBJECTION TO YOUR PROPOSAL (AND AGREES TO THE STEPS PROPOSED) IN YOUR LETTER. END TEXT.

2. YOKOYAMA EXPECTED THAT LEVEL OF EXCHANGE BE THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE WAIVER OF THE 60 PERCENT LIMITATION (WOLFF/KAWAHARA) AND IN WASHINGTON. I INDICATED TOKYO ALTERNATIVE POSED IN REFTEL PARA 8 BUT YOKOYAMA WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. WE AGREED TO PLAN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS (WOLFF/KAWAHARA) 3:30 P.M. TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28 IN WASHINGTON UNLESS YOU ARRANGE EXCHANGE IN TOKYO DIRECTLY WITH SAITO. PLEASE INFORM ME OF YOUR PLANS ASAP.

3. TIMETABLE HOPED FOR IS TUESDAY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEDNESDAY NOTICE TO FEDERAL REGISTER EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, THURSDAY GOJ NOTICE OF INTENT TO UTILIZE SHIFT, FRIDAY PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER EFFECTIVE MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 OF REVISED QUOTA AMOUNTS.

4. USITC HAS NOT YET FORMALLY RESPONDED ON DRAFT 203(EYE) REQUEST BUT ANSWER IS EXPECTED SOON.

5. WE NOW HAVE FIGURES FOR SWEDISH EXPORTS OF BEARING
STEEL TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH BEAR NO RESEMBLENCE TO
THE FIGURES THAT WE WERE USING IN STOCKHOLM. A LOCAL

ATTORNEY FOR A FRENCH COMPANY HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT
BEARING PROBLEM WILL EFFECT FRANCE.

6. IF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO, IT
MIGHT BE USEFUL TO GET GOJ TO COMMIT IN PRINCIPAL PRIOR
TO EXCHANGE OF LETTERS THIS WEEK TO USE SHIFT FROM BAR
CATEGORY.

7. PLEASE NOTIFY STR OF ESTIMATED ARRIVAL TIME WASHINGTON
IF YOU WISH CAR TO MEET YOU. KISSINGER

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